

Appl. No. 10/038,771
Amdt. dated September 29, 2005
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REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's careful consideration of this application and the detailed Office Action.

Applicants' representatives acknowledge the courtesy extended during the telephonic interview conducted on September 26, 2005. As discussed, the art of record nor any combination thereof, is believed to teach or suggest the application of an external heat source to the mixed reinforcing material and binder material as, or after, the components are mixed, or brought into contact with one another.

Support for the present claim amendments can be found in the original specification at, at least, for example, paragraphs 44, 49 and 50, and Figures 3 and 5. The presently amended claims do not raise the issue of new matter.

Claims 1-8, 12, 20, 22, 23, 25-29 and 44-47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hedman and further in view of Barron. Claims 9, 10, 13-19 and 31-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hedman and Barron and optionally in view of Hall. The above claim amendments obviate these rejections, and notice of withdrawal of same is in order.

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The amendments to the claims do not present new issues requiring further consideration or search, and place the claims in condition for allowance, or in better condition for appeal. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections and objections, and issuance of a notice of allowance.

Applicants have endeavored to address all matters raised in the Office Action but if a matter has been overlooked, kindly telephone the undersigned so that all matters can be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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